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(Original Application - Joint Inventors - Priority Claimed)**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare: that our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated near our names below; that we are joint inventors and we believe we are the original and first inventors of the subject matter of which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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which is described and claimed in the attached specification and amended by an amendment thereto submitted therewith (if any); that we have reviewed and understand the contents of this specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; that we do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before our invention thereof or patented or described in any printed publication, in any country before our invention thereof for more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application; that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by us or our legal representatives or assigns more than twelve (12) months prior to this application; that we acknowledge our duty to disclose information of which we are aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by us or our legal representatives or assigns except as follows:

PRIORITY CLAIM

We hereby claim priority to and all the benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s).

 no such applications have been filed.

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99 120 400.9	European	13/10/99

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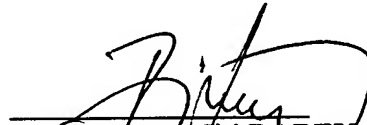


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all known personally to the Civil Law Notary.

The Civil Law Notary Dr. Nikolaus Hensel assures, that he has asked the undersigned about an earlier engagement in this matter, according to § 3 section 1 no. 7 of the German Law concerning Notarisati-on; this was denied by Dr. Humbert, Mr. Babey and Mr. Diehl.

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ASSIGNMENT
(Joint Inventors)

WHEREAS, We, Dr. Richard Humpert, Jiri Babey, and Oliver Diehl, (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), residing respectively at Am Sommerberg 47, D-61276 Weilrod, Germany, Klosterweg 27, D-35423 Lich, Germany and Lohrbachstraße 7, D-61350 Bad Homburg, Germany, have invented new and useful improvements in:

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which is set forth in an application in the United States executed on even date herewith:

AND WHEREAS, Profil Verbindungstechnik GmbH & Co. KG, (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), of Otto-Hahn-Str. 22-24, D-61381 Friedrichsdorf, Germany, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

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Dr. Richard HUMPERT

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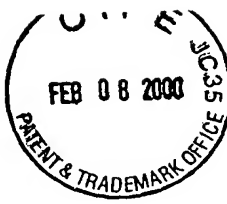
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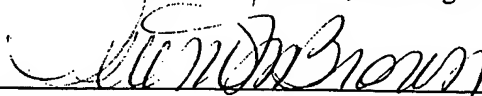
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